Meningitis In Delhi and Utta$_r$ Pradesh

360. SHRI BHAGATRAM ~ MANHAR:
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to s'fete:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large nitaiber of case$_s$ of Meningitis have been reported during the last six months in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the total number of cases reported during the same period; and

(c) what are the arrangements made by Government to provide adequate medical treatment in Gov-erryment Hospitals! in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh?

- THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE 'MINISTRY OF -HEALTH AND FAMILWEL-FARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) *nd (b) As per reports received from the health authorities of Uttar 'Pradesh and ?Delhi, 'the number of Meningitis <Cases Occurred during '1S87 and 1988' is as under:—

	1987	1988
Uttar Pradesh	29	94 (upto March 1988)
Delhi	3061	943 (upto April, .1988)

(c) The Govetrmierit fs taking appropriate "-*neasu*e$_s$ to "mdnitor arid control the disease by-detecting the cases of Meningitis ^arad treating them with proper antibiotics such as* pencillinjChlofomphenical etc. to reduce mortality. The Medical Officers in School Health Programme are also taking special care in detecting cases among school children. The close contacts of the confirmed cases are being treated with d^mopro-phylactic agent i'-e. Sulpha diazine. Antibiotics are also advocated for carriers to eradicate the carrier state. Mass chemoprophylaxic is recommended for close and medically supervised communities and immunisation with Meningococal vaccine is advised for high risk groups in the event of outbreaks.

Efficiency and professionalism in *ffie*Management of Air India and India[11]Airlines

361. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's plant to introduce efficiency and professionalism in the management of Air India and Indian Airlines by appointing leading industrialists and' I other business giants in the board is reading for failure a$_s$ some of the members have shown desire to quit frbm the"board; £*nA*

(b) if so, what steps Government propose *to take as an alternative to keep the efficiency and better -per-formance in Indian Airlines and Air India?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMIliY 'WELFARE AND THE 1UHNISTER OF CIVIL AVIA-TION (SHRI MOTI LAL$_\#$VORA>: (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does !not DfffiSe.